

THERE is still a chance that Wycombe Wanderers will play last year's Premier Midweek Floodlight League final, after all. This surprising news was announced by club secretary Bert Crump yesterday (Monday).

Three weeks ago the P.M.F.L. decided to award the trophy to Dagenham as neither Hayes nor Wycombe were able to play the semi-final and final matches scheduled by the league. Wanderers were declared in default for not fulfilling their fixture — having waited since April — and were told that Dagenham had won the competition.

Both Hayes, who were due to meet Dagenham in the semi-final, and Wycombe wrote letters of protest to league secretary Mr. Norman Hornby and he has decided to hold another meeting between the three clubs concerned and the management committee.

Mr. Hornby said yesterday that there was still a chance that the semi-final and final games would still be staged, but he stressed the decision was really up to Dagenham. If they claimed the trophy by default, then there was little the league could do. The meeting has been arranged for Wednesday, October 3.

The P.M.F.L. fixtures have just been released and Wycombe's first match has been brought forward to September 26 when the Blues are at home to Wokingham Town. Newcomers to the Rothmans Isthmian League, Division Two, Wokingham were the only side to beat Wycombe in last season's competition.

The section A fixtures are as follows: December 3 Wycombe v Marlow, January 7 Chesham v Wycombe, January 14 Wycombe v Banbury, January 21 Maidenhead v Wycombe, February 4 Marlow v Wycombe, February 11 Wycombe v Chesham, February 18 Wokingham v Wycombe, February 25 Wycombe v Maidenhead, March 4 Banbury v Wycombe. These fixtures are subject to alteration.

One new plan in the Midweek League this season is a "Premier Spring Cup" which will be played in March, fixture congestion permitting. There will be a number of sections comprising of four clubs grouped geographically, playing on a home and away basis. The leaders of the section will then play on a one-leg knock-out basis.